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Mystikal's late arrival doesn't dampen festivities

Stepshow still reigns supreme in eyes of students

By Glenn Russell
Photo Editor

This year's Springfest was highlighted by a concert and indoor block party featuring Mystikal and special guests. The group Bege't, the

winner of the talent show, and Houston group Intense were the opening acts for the concert.

Mystikal entered the stage with a long awaiting audience screaming 'Mystikal.' He performed his latest hits and some of his earlier hits including "Ya'll ain't ready."

Mystikal, Micheal Tyler, a New Orleans native who served his country as a soldier in the National Guard, began his career in 1994 with Big Boy Records where he made many of his earlier hits.

"Songs that were released around that time were the best, although many people still did not know him," said Glennis Carrington, a student who attended Friday's concert.

He then went

to Jive, where most of his first albums were re-released to reach a larger audience.

Mystikal made his first appearance on No Limit's Steady Mobbin's album. He then reappeared on the "Bout It Soundtrack." His time on this label also led him to achieve platinum status.

The comedy show on Thursday featured A.J. Johnson with Michael Blackston.

A.J. can be remembered for his part as "Ezal" in the late 90s hit Friday, which also starred Ice Cube and Chris Tucker, as a drug-addicted bum.

Johnson is a 35 year-old native of Compton, California who is currently engaged. He has three daughters.

When asked to give advice to students who want to pursue comedy he said, "Keep your head up and believe in your dreams. Other people will try to pull you down

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Comedian A.J. Johnson and "Primetime" play the dozens at the comedy show. Over 1000 people watched Michael Blackston and Johnson's performance.

The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, earned first place in the Springfest 2001 stepshow. The men of Iota Phi Theta and the men of Kappa Kappa Psi also earned top honors.



Mystikal gives a long overdue performance in the William "Billy" J. Nicks fieldhouse.

TAMU system plans changes

Prairie View initiates own set of objectives for future

Panther Staff

Major in-depth planning at Prairie View A&M university began in the late 60s when the university began experiencing an increase in student enrollment, program and service expansion, facility needs and public expectations.

It is during this time that members of the Centennial Council developed the university's first blueprint for development.

Another plan was not released by the Texas A&M University system until the

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University President,
Charles A. Hines

Houston drops to 5th in air report

By Ryan McGinty
Sports Editor

According to a report issued by the American Lung Association, the city of Houston is the fifth worst in the United States for ozone violations.

Even though Houston ranks in the top five, it is a slight improvement from the past two years. The city was

at the top of the list in 1999 and 2000 when it was rated by an older pollution standard.

This year's ranking is based on a newer standard that was approved by the Clinton administration.

The new standard, which was challenged all the way to the U.S. Supreme

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•World•

Love of food brings crown to queen

Bangkok, Thailand

AP-Twenty-five-year-old Soraya Srimitr's "passionate love" for food and her attitude that happiness is better than being thin won her the Miss Jumbo Queen 2001 crown on Tuesday.

Thousands of visitors flocked to the Samphran Elephant Ground and Zoo in Nakhon Pathom province to witness the fifth annual staging of the beauty pageant where big is beautiful and fat is fantastic.

Olympic preparations

Athens, Greece

AP- Olympic organizers stumbled through the first half of their seven-year task.

Now they head into the second half with a heavy burden: lots of work but not lots of time.

Just past the halfway mark since winning the 2004 Olympic bid in September 1997, organizers and the government have made up ground lost to delays, disorganization and political feuding.

Athens is trying to avoid what the nation's president calls "the Greek way," slapping everything together at the last minute.

Philippine police arrest leaders

Manila, Philippines

AP- Police fanned out to arrest opposition leaders and the government declared "a state of rebellion" Tuesday after clashes between authorities and backers of jailed former President Joseph Estrada left at least four people dead.

He said the declaration by President Gloria Arroyo allows her to use the military to fight the protests demanding Estrada's release and make three-days arrest without warrants.

Clashes at presidential palace

Manila, Philippines

AP- Masses of well-dressed protesters wielding cell phones left their universities and offices to march on the presidential palace three months ago, forcing then-President Joseph Estrada to flee.

On Tuesday, throngs of weather-beaten demonstrators aimed to bring him back.

More than showing support for the jailed former movie star, the bloody protests taht led President Arroyo to declare a "state of rebellion" voiced the anger that comes from lifelong crushing poverty.

•National•

Coca-Cola enterprises buying coke bottler

Atlanta, Georgia

AP-Coca-Cola Enterprises, the largest bottler of Coca-Cola products, said it will buy Hondo Inc. and Herbco Enterprises Inc., collectively known as Herb Coca-Cola, for about \$1.4 billion.

Herb Coca-Cola, the third largest bottler of Coke products, operates in portions of six states, including metropolitan areas of Chicago and Milwaukee.

CCE, which is 40 percent owned by The Coca-Cola Co., currently markets 74 percent of the beverage giant.

Illegal aliens arrested

Princeton, New York

AP-State police arrested a total of nine illegal aliens Tuesday during two separate shops.

Police received a call about a suspicious looking vehicle at a truck stop in the Saratoga County town of Wilton off Exit 16 of the Northway. There, police discovered four illegal aliens in a North Carolina car. The four were headed to Glens Falls to work in construction, state police said. All four are residents of Mexico and ranged in age from 20 to 40.

Casper teacher pleads guilty

Casper, Wyoming

AP- A former high school teacher and athletic trainer has pleaded guilty to taking indecent liberties with a female student.

William Isabell, 38, had pleaded innocent to the charge but changed his plea Monday in District Court.

District Judge David Park ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Plane flips during emergency landing

Oil Spring, Kentucky

AP- A Kentucky Division of Forestry fire spotter and his pilot escaped with minor injuries when their plane made an emergency landing in an abandoned corn field when the engine stalled, Kentucky State Police said Tuesday.

The Cessna 182Q, piloted by Rocky Russell of Kentucky Air Motive Inc. out of Mount Sterling, flipped over on its top Monday night while landing just off Dry Branch Road near Oil Springs, the police report said.

The fire spotter was Chuck Noble, identified by Division of forestry Assistant Director Steve Kull as a full-time employee of the department.

•Regional•

House approves tuition increase

Austin, Texas

AP-Tuition at the state's public colleges and universities would continue to increase annually over the next seven years under legislation that won preliminary approval Tuesday from the Texas House.

The bill by Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, would continue increasing tuition \$2 per credit hour per year for five years. Beginning in the fall of 2007, the increase would be \$1 per credit hour per year.

UT disaster kills, injures

Austin, Texas

AP-One student was killed and another critically injured Tuesday morning when a fire broke out at a private high-rise dormitory near the University of Texas that was not equipped with a sprinkler system.

Anoor Hajee, an 18-year-old freshman majoring in business, was dead on arrival at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin. The preliminary cause of death showed he suffered from smoke inhalation.

Zawardy Ab Latiff, a 21-year-old sophomore petroleum engineering student, was transported by helicopter to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. He suffered smoke inhalation and burns on over 80 percent of his body.

Youths prohibited from bed riding

Austin, Texas

AP-Children under 18 would not be allowed to ride in the open bed of pickup trucks on Texas' public roads under a bill given final approval by lawmakers Tuesday and sent to the governor.

The bill is a safety measure to protect children from potentially fatal accidents, said Sen. Robert Duncan.

The current law restricts children under 12 from riding in the open bed of a pickup truck or on a flatbed trailer if the vehicle is traveling faster than 35 mph.

Insurance clash

Austin, Texas

AP-The leader of the House and Senate budget committees clashed Tuesday, disagreeing over exactly how much money the state's ailing Medicaid program should get.

A conference committee meeting became tense when House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell suggested spending \$542 million in additional funding on Medicaid. That's the amount the Senate-House agreed to help increase rates paid to doctors.

Calendar of events

27 Friday

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Final exams

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Continued support helps student publication grow



By Sheleah Hughes
Editor-in-Chief

As the semester comes to a close I sit and wonder what will be next.

This semester our publication grew to a create a standard that leaves nothing but greatness for years to come.

Awards, weekly publications, and better news coverage is enough for readers to notice. But for students, staff and other readers to realize

that the Panther is the best source of information makes us 'cream of the crop.'

Over the year I have realized just how much power the press has.

We have been confronted by readers who found mistakes and organizations who were upset about the coverage we either gave or did not give them.

The Panther has even

received anonymous tips regarding story ideas, student concerns, and staff improvement.

For the paper to continue to grow we need more of that.

We need more students to send us stories, advertise, make suggestions, and copy edit.

We need even more support.

•Letter to the Editor•

Football team poses questions about weekly feature

To whom it may concern:

On April 24, 2001 members of the Prairie View A&M University football team held an auction as a fundraiser. The event was successful, raising over \$1100.

The auction was the first fundraising event hosted by the football team. The participants, as well as the audience, were impressed by the organization and atmosphere of the auction.

However, only days later the members of the football team who participated in the auction were appalled to learn that the student-run Panther newspaper ridiculed the auction and members of the football team in the article Twenty Questions.

The first three questions of the article were about the football team and the auction.

When several members of the Panther staff refused to answer their questions, those members of the football team were finally able to speak to the advisor of the Panther, who answered some questions, but seemed indifferent about the matter.

Members of the foot-

ball team were told by a student, "Everyone gets dogged in twenty questions." However everyone should not.

The members of the Prairie View A&M University football team serve this university. When the football team or any other group who SERVES the university attempts to raise monies and are discouraged by the Panther, future fundraisers can be affected.

The staff of the Panther should consider the possibility that they may have to fundraise in the future.

But of course, they have the liberty to print whatever they please.

Several questions come to mind when considering the events that led to the negative publications about the football team's auction in the Panther.

1. Members of the panther staff work closely with members of the campus Activities Board (CAB).

The football team's auction was held at the same time as the Talent Show.

Was the Panther staff influenced by CAB when they decided to ridicule the football team's auction?

2. The football team did not host the only auction this semester, though none of the others were as successful.

Why were the other auctions not 'dogged' in the Panther?

The football team would prefer that you not ridicule groups who serve this university. Prairie View A&M University receives enough negative publicity and cannot stand receiving the same negative publicity from its own students.

-Jerrel Moore,
coach and former player
-Aaron Spivey-Sorrells,
former player
-Clifton O'Neil,
former player

Editor: I will be the first to commend you.

There are few people who will actually respond to anything that the Panther or anyone else says about them.

However, what I think you fail to realize is the nature of the section titled 20 questions.

By no means is this section to be considered an article, it is only an entertain-

ment feature for which members of the faculty and student body or any other readers submit suggestions.

These suggestions are then either edited or disregarded based on their content or errors - just as our submission policy states.

An article is one that includes facts and other information that is of value.

And although 20 questions may be the most widely read section of the newspaper, it is not to be taken seriously as would a front page article, sports story or any other information placed on a campus news page.

In response to the question you posed, members of the Panther staff do not work closely with CAB.

Both organizations are directly affiliated with Student Activities and Leadership and that affiliation is the only thing that connects them.

The Panther, the official student newspaper of this university, is here to serve as the voice of students.

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PLAN from Page 1

early 1980s. Since then a five-year strategic plan has been a major part of Prairie View A&M University's futuristic outlook.

This plan, combined with the Texas A&M University System's Integrative Plan charts the course for the future operation of PVAMU.

"One of my goals is to make this university a Tier 1 university. In order to do that we must raise our standards of customer service and appreciation," said Charles Hines, university president in a faculty meeting held in early April. The meeting was called to discuss an Office of Civil Rights settlement that recently assured the university \$98 million for structural and operational support, and other forthcoming changes.

Now there is speculation surrounding the meeting and Hines' statement due to a substantial number of nontenure track employees who may allegedly face termination as early as Fall 2001.

Fate of faculty

According to Linda Eustace, a history professor who has been at Prairie View since 1972, the university is looking for a more professional staff. Eustace said she received a memo stating that she may be one of many to be asked to leave her job.

Reportedly that memo was received by other members of the PVAMU staff earlier this year and it explained Hines' goal of having 90 percent Ph.D.s as full-time faculty members by the year 2003. This goal is beyond a requirement stated in the 1999 Criteria for Accreditation manual by the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools.

According to the 1998-

2000 SACS Institutional Self-Study, "at least 25 percent of the discipline course hours in each undergraduate major must be taught by faculty members holding a terminal degree, usually the earned doctorate, in that discipline."

The document also provides leniency to this requirement by stating, "however, it is the responsibility of the institution to justify the master's degree, or master's in the teaching discipline coupled with a related doctorate...."

Despite this exception many of the universities departments will reportedly replace many faculty who have been at Prairie View for decades.

"The (languages and) communications department has been the hardest hit, and we are fully aware that (the department has) lost some critical people in the department," said Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Prairie View A & M University.

According to the TAMUS Integrative Plan, "each institution (in the TAMU system) must assess its current and predicted strengths relative to the environment in which it exists and make institutional commitments to pursue those strengths before others."

"The positive is that we will be able to improve many aspects of the university. There will be more money for research and the university will be able to build more. On the other hand, we will be losing many valuable people," said Dr. Thomas-Smith.

Staying an HBCU

A change such as this can also cause the university to lose some of its characteristics as an historical black college or university (HBCU).

One of the most pressing issues involved in President Hines' goal of becoming a Tier I university is the impact the changes will have on the cultural history and appearance so many African-American students appreciate at Prairie View.

Prairie View A&M University is often simply categorized as a historically black university, but the Texas Constitution also established the University as a land-grant institution. Such institutions were established under the First Morrill Act of 1862 and gave educational opportunities to blacks in 1876.

The original mission

Do you believe a Ph. D is needed to be a successful teacher at a college or university?



Nick Lieteau

"A Ph.D. doesn't mean you know how to teach students. There are professors who have been here for years who know how to educate students."



Ayana Crichlow

"A Ph. D. does not guarantee they (professors) can teach. They should focus on the track work and students' opinion."

of Prairie View under the Texas Constitutional law was "an act to establish an agricultural and mechanical college of Texas for the benefit of colored youth and to make appropriation therefore."

How will Prairie View conserve its legacy as an HBCU after reaching national accreditation as a Tier I institution?

A majority of the university classifications are determined by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

A 2001 U.S. News & World Report on college rankings, which are based on the Carnegie classification, ranks Prairie View in the Regional Universities-Tier Four category.

Reportedly, President Hines' goal is to steer Prairie View toward the highest ranking under doctorate-granting institutions.

These institutions typically offer a wide range of baccalaureate programs and are committed to producing high levels of doctorate degrees.

Currently, Howard University is the only HBCU ranked as a Tier I Research Institution.

In a July 2000 report issued by "Black Issues in Higher Education," one Jackson State University dean said she believes ranking transitions in HBCUs leave a positive effect.

"I think most of our applicants are looking to study with renowned scholars, and as HBCUs attract more renowned scholars, the student population tends to follow them," Dr. Dorris Robinson Garder said, dean of graduate school at JSU.

Are changes system-wide?

Texas A&M-Kingsville is another university in the A&M system that aspires to focus more on research, leading it to become ranked as Tier I.

In March 2000, Texas A&M-Kingsville appointed a task committee to develop recommendations and suggestions to help the University rank among the top 10 state universities by 2010.

A&M-Kingsville sought the input from subcommittees that consisted of students, staff, and faculty to completely overhaul its campus and achieve its vision.

The school also held two open campus forums on its vision. Kingville's Vision 2010 plan was born after a 10-month study.

President's response

Prairie View, on the other hand, has not actively sought student and alumni input on its plan to achieve Tier I status.

Campus administrators involved in the planning process have been tight lipped since the plan's inception.

In a letter addressed to Dr. Hines, the Panther asked several questions concerning the strategic plan and how it will impact the university as a whole.

The President responded, "With respect to your inquiries about faculty personnel, TAMUS and PVAMU policy prohibit discussion of personnel issues involving university employees-faculty or staff in public forum. All faculty employees have contracts, and these contracts govern their employment. We honor contracts with our employees."

After the Texas legislative session, Hines said he will schedule informative sessions for staff, students and faculty that will cover the university's goals and objectives and the resources available to implement PVAMU's aspirations.

Editor: This story was a collaborative project written by several members of the student newspaper staff.

"Each institution (in the TAMU system) must assess its current and predicted strengths relative to the environment in which it exists and make institutional commitments to pursue those strengths before others."

-TAMUS Integrative Plan

International ties used to enhance, create curriculum

By Yauna Estes
Panther Staff

A two-year grant from the Department of Education has been given to Prairie View to establish a Latin American and Caribbean studies program for the University.

Seventy-five thousand dollars per year will be given to the program and will be administered through the Center for International and Area Studies.

Dr. Fredoline Anunobi, director of the Center for International and Area studies, Dr. Rena Williams, are the directors of the program, which is in its second year.

The goals of the LACS program are to prepare Prairie View graduates for the globalized job market, and increasingly multicultural environment.

"The Houston area and the state of Texas is becoming more of a Hispanic population. We would also like to welcome and encourage more Hispanic students to attend Prairie View and let them know that this is an open university," Williams said.

The plan for the program is to develop 10 new courses in Latin American and Caribbean history, politics, geography, and literature by 2002.

Older courses are being revised to include more content on Latin America and the Caribbean. American government, U.S. history, freshman comp, and fundamentals of speech communications are subject to these changes as early as Fall 2001.

Candidates are being interviewed for potential positions as teachers in the area

off foreign languages, including a Portuguese instructor. Portuguese will be offered in the future along with traditional Spanish and other foreign languages.

Additionally, exchange programs are being established in the Dominican Republic and Brazil.

The next step for Prairie View is to create an Asian studies program.

Once the Latin American and Caribbean studies, African studies, and Asian studies Program have been finalized, a concentration in international studies will be added to the curriculum.

These are steps that are slowly being taken to globalize Prairie View, and they are necessary for the enrichment of students and for those who are interested in pursuing a degree in such areas, According to Dr. Rena Williams.

FEST from Page 1

when you go after what you believe in."

Michael Blackson is a native of Ghana West Africa who currently resides in Philadelphia.

And although the comedy show saw more than 1000 viewers most students left with an unfavorable impression.

"I didn't appreciate the way A.J. Johnson came and tried to clown the students of Prairie View," said LaKatheryn Shaw. "It seemed like he didn't come prepared."

The stepshow, the

main event, featured the talents of Council of Student Organizations and the Pan-Hellenic Council of organizations.

This year's stepshow featured Phi Beta Sigma, Iota Phi Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Kappa Kappa Psi, Sigma Rho, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, and Sigma Gamma Rho.

"All the stars were aligned and perfection was finally achieved," said Rodney Cole, a member of Iota Phi Theta's step team who received first place.

Other winners included Kappa Kappa Psi and the Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Second place went to the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Rho, and the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta.

The brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi and the Sigma Gamma Rho came in third place.

The show was judged in three different categories: CSO, Pan-Hellenic Fraternity, and Pan-Hellenic Sorority.

A Reggae fest, which was held in front of Alumni Hall on Wednesday, featured Houston artist Jappa Rue. He is a native of Jamaica but now resides in Houston.

AIR from Page 1

Court, allowed 0.08 parts per million of ozone during one-hour measurements.

The older standard allowed 0.12 parts per million.

Ozone, which is a powerful bleaching agent, is linked directly with air pollution.

To ensure the Houston area moves down on future rankings, the state of Texas has passed a controversial smog reduction plan.

The plan, which is still awaiting approval from the Environmental Protection Agency, ordered sweeping cuts in industrial emissions such as lowered speed limits, expanded tailpipe testing, and morning bans on the use of certain equipment.

Since the plan was approved early, the city will have two extra years to meet clean air standards.

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Last will and testament



By Ryan McGinty
Sports Editor

Well folks, another year has passed us by and from the looks of it, this might be my final commentary for The Panther. I have told several people that the only thing that will pry me away from this job is graduation or a roster spot for the Houston Rockets. Graduation won out.

Before I depart into the sunset, I want to leave the next sports editor my last will and testament.

Dear Whoever,

I hope you will continue enhancing sports coverage of Prairie View A&M. Despite the lack of winning seasons and the lack of scholarships, get the word out by any means necessary. Also, prepare for some long nights ahead and try your best to outdo everything I have contributed to this newspaper.

It has been a hectic one and a half years as sports editor, but I can walk away from this job knowing I learned something.

Ryan McGinty

Par-fect



Photo submitted by PVAMU Golf

Prairie View A&M University men's golfers display their awards at the Arkansas-Pine Bluff Golf Classic last month.

SWAC Commissioner placed on leave

By Ryan McGinty
Sports Editor

Southwestern Athletic Conference Commissioner Rudy Washington has been placed on leave and replaced by former commissioner Dr. James Frank.

Washington assumed Frank's post in 1998 and implemented changes

such as a championship football game and the relocation of offices to Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. Clinton Bristow, Alcorn State University President and Chairman of the SWAC Council of Presidents, said the suspension was due to differences between the Council and Washington.

Washington said he was not fired.

SPORTS

Baseball

Last Game
Southern 27-8
Prairie View 3-3

Softball

This weekend
SWAC Tournament
Shreveport, LA

Track & Field

Men
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Shreveport, LA

Tennis

SWAC Tournament
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Summer movie will sizzle audiences



Donkey, Shrek, Princess Fiona and Lord Farquaad share the adventure in DreamWorks Pictures' computer-animated comedy Shrek.

Dreamworks' latest project appeals to all

A sign of a classic movie is one that can make you cry tears of laughter, pain and sorrow. One of this summer's newest movies is sure to earn that title.

The animated movie "Shrek" which stars Mike Myers as Shrek, Eddie Murphy as Donkey, Cameron Diaz as Princess Fiona and John Lithgow as the evil King Lord Farquaad began as a children's book by William Steig.

DreamWorks takes the book beyond a movie; it becomes a creation filled with edgy humor to entertain the older audience and hearty humor that will make the 'youngins' giggle.

"It's an amazing

achievement. Someone created a movie that is delightful to teen-agers, adults and kids," said Lithgow who was asked to participate in the movie over five years ago when the creation began.

The film follows the life of Shrek, an ogre, while he attempts to save his own home and the worlds of other fairy tale characters.

Lord Farquaad, a man who has a list of wishes beyond his own means, disturbs the lives of the poor fair tale characters, when he calls a mandatory evacuation of his kingdom.

There are cameo appearances by the gingerbread man, Snow White and the seven dwarfs, the three little

pigs, Cinderella and Little Bo Peep.

All of them retreat to Shrek's home - the swamp.

Determined not to be bothered with unwanted company, Shrek cuts a deal with Farquaad and sets out to rescue Princess Fiona from a fire-breathing dragon so that she can become Farquaad's bride.

The simple story line of this movie is paired with great humor, a moral and awesome production to make it a sure summer box office hit.

"Shrek" is due in theaters May 18.

By Sheleah Hughes
Editor-in-Chief

20 Questions

1. If A.J. Johnson was supposed to be the featured comedian, why was Michael Blackston ten times better?
2. How many of you wanted Primetime to get the he!! off the stage?
3. Why did Mystikal show up at 11:15pm for an 8pm show and was gone by 11:45 pm?
4. Is Bege't supposed to be the next Destiny's Child?
5. How long will it take before they kick out two of their members?
6. Why did Steve clown that little high school step team?
7. Wasn't that the best Sigma show since the Spring '99 show with Ted, Chad, and Don?
8. Didn't the Zetas get robbed?
9. What was the purpose of the blindfolds in the AKA show?
10. Are you still having nightmares about those bloated skeletons with canes?
11. Aren't we all happy that the Iotas finally placed first in a PV show?
12. Doesn't Brian Dickens kind of remind you of Luther Vandross?
13. Aren't we all glad to see those May '01 grads finally get out of here?
14. How many of you wasted your gas running to Houston to buy the new Destiny's Child cd?
15. Why did the football players come to the newspaper office complaining about being featured in 20 Questions?
16. Who took all the stuff from under the Zeta tree?
17. What if we didn't have 20 Questions in the paper next semester?
18. Would students be mad?
19. Or would they be happy because no one could get talked about any more?
20. What do you think?

We want to know what you think. Please submit any questions you may have to The Panther, Rm. 105 Harrington Science. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.



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The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

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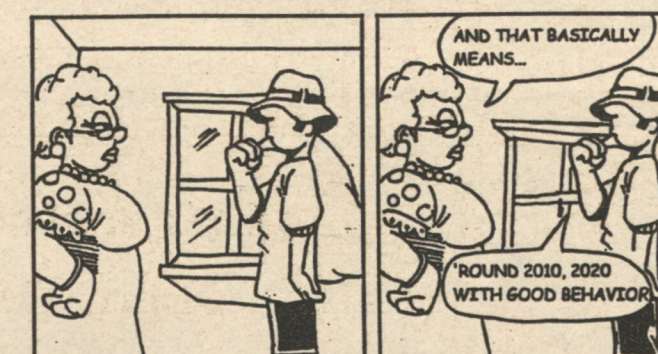
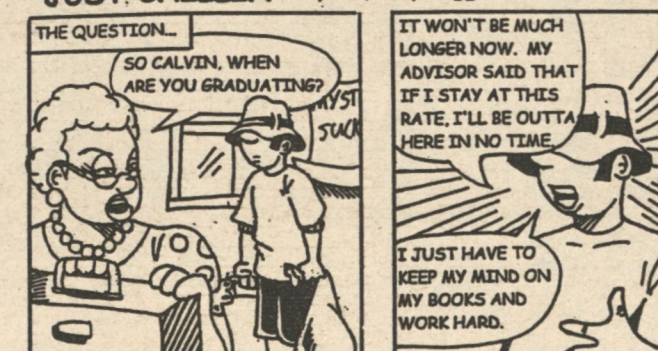
Did you know you could see your schedule and grades on-line?

Check out the following URL: <https://panthertracks.pvamu.edu/>. For directions on how to access the information go to the "FAQ for Students" link.

TASP Reminders

1. If you are in one of the following developmental classes take advantage of the Quick TASP offered on May 12, 2001 to possibly meet the B-Rule Attempt requirements: RDNG0200, MATH0123, MATH0200 or ENGL0101. Sign up for the Quick TASP in Room 238, Delco Building.
2. Don't forget to retake the TASP this summer before returning to school. Check out the following URL: <http://calendars.pvamu.edu/> for information about our Quick TASP testing schedule.
3. Remember May 18, 2001 is the deadline to mail in your registration form for the regular TASP offered on June 16, 2001.
4. Got questions about the TASP and the Developmental Education Plan, see pages 8 and 9 of the Summer and Fall 2001 Schedule of Classes.

"JUST CHILLIN'" by: Quincy Higgins



Commentary

The cool and hot 60's Gilpin players astonish audience with musical

By Arthur Thomas
Special to the Panther

Once again the Charles Gilpin players were met with great success in Dallas as they performed their spring musical "The cool and Hot 60s."

The show had every contrasting element from action, to romance, to comedy, which is what every musical contains in its entirety.

With a very lively array of characters, the show managed to have the audience reminisce back to the cool and hot time of the 1960's.

By the end of the performance, with the last number "Let's do the twist!" audience members were motivated to do the 'twist' themselves

along the aisles of the large theater. Afterwards, the players were met with an overwhelming standing ovation.

To show their thanks for the show, some audience

members asked for autographs.

Theater is a thrilling therapeutic experience: it alleviates stress and whatever negative feelings you may have for at least a few mo-

ments to be somewhere else, and feel cleansed.

It is a sad thing and a pity that much from the Charles Giplin Players has not been represented this semester.

Quite frankly it is not the fault of the Gilpins.

Reportedly their light booth has been in bad shape for the last couple of years, and finally broke down early this year, and they are still fixing it!

You would think that it would get done more quickly. But you know that lack of respect in taking theater seriously in college is usual.

With President Hines mis-pronouncing their name as "The Charles Gilmore Players," Mr. Turner being heavily understaffed, the students

having to build their own seating arrangements and countless other problems, it's a wonder they're able to do anything.

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Gilpin Players past and present continue theater tradition.



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